

# Get Assistance

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MILITARY FINANCIAL AND LEGAL SERVICES

Explore your financial and legal options with people you can trust (not someone who's earning a commission off your decision).

- If you need financial or legal assistance, immediately contact your base financial counselors.
- Every service branch has military relief societies (such as the Navy-Marine Relief Society); these groups were established to provide advice and emergency assistance to servicemembers and their families.
- Contact your creditors before a payment is late. Other payment options are often available.

## MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT

For an extensive directory of programs dedicated to helping servicemembers and their families:

[www.americasupportsyoudmilitary\\_family.html](http://www.americasupportsyoudmilitary_family.html)

## HELP WITH POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD)

Servicemembers and families experiencing the symptoms of PTSD require assistance and support. To find the nearest VA medical center, community based outpatient clinic or Veterans Center, go to [www.ncptsd.va.gov](http://www.ncptsd.va.gov) for complete information and services.

## TO HELP YOU ESTABLISH AND KEEP GOOD CREDIT, DIG OUT OF DEBT, AND SAVE AND INVEST

[www.saveandinvest.org](http://www.saveandinvest.org)

## TO HELP YOU DEVELOP A PERSONAL ROADMAP TO SAVING AND INVESTING

[www.sec.gov/investor/pubs/roadmap.htm](http://www.sec.gov/investor/pubs/roadmap.htm)

## FOR IMPARTIAL INVESTOR EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

[www.investorprotection.org](http://www.investorprotection.org)

## FOR A GLOSSARY OF FINANCIAL TERMS AND PHRASES

[www.corp.ca.gov/outreach/financial\\_literacy/glossary.htm](http://www.corp.ca.gov/outreach/financial_literacy/glossary.htm)

## FOR IMPORTANT FUTURE BENEFITS—REGISTER WITH VETERANS AFFAIRS

ALL servicemembers should register with the VA when returning from deployment, whether or not you intend to use VA services. This ensures you will be eligible for VA services and benefits if a problem develops in the future. Go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) for complete information. ALSO, be sure to utilize the many programs and services available in your home State. California veterans and their family members may be eligible for tuition assistance, job training programs, farm and home loans, waived auto registration fees, and numerous other benefits. Go to [www.cdva.ca.gov](http://www.cdva.ca.gov) for complete information. Other States have similar programs.

## CIVILIAN TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

An intensive employment preparation program is available to help servicemembers make a smooth career transition back into civilian life. Vocational guidance, training programs, and other employment services will help you make realistic career choices. Go to the California Employment Development Department, [www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov) for a complete listing of CA job service centers. Other States have similar programs.

## IF YOU THINK YOUR IDENTITY HAS BEEN STOLEN...

If you suspect that someone else is using your Military ID, Social Security, or driver's license numbers, or you are concerned about the security of your financial information, go to [www.USA.gov](http://www.USA.gov) and click on "Identity Theft."

## IF YOUR CA DRIVER'S LICENSE IS LOST OR STOLEN...

Immediately go in person to the nearest CA Department of Motor Vehicles office to apply for a replacement. Then request that DMV place a fraud alert on your driver's license number by calling the CA DMV Fraud Hotline **1-866-658-5758** or e-mail: [DLFraud@dmv.ca.gov](mailto:DLFraud@dmv.ca.gov). If someone is using your driver's license as their ID, contact the closest DMV office for an appointment. You will need to prove your identity, so bring current documents such as your U.S. military photo ID. Bring copies of the police report, bills, and other evidence which demonstrate your identity was stolen. If you meet DMV's identity theft requirements, DMV will then issue you a new driver's license number. Other States have similar processes.